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Note verbale dated 26 June 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire and has the honour to transmit to the Committee, herewith, the national report of the Republic of Guatemala contained in the note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 25 June 2007, on action taken to implement resolution 1727 (2006) adopted on 15 December 2006 (see annex).

In this connection, Guatemala wishes to express its strong political will to cooperate in implementing the measures set out in paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 of that resolution renewing the provisions of paragraphs 7 to 12 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005) until 31 October 2007.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 26 June 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to write to you in order to submit, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of resolution 1727 (2006) adopted by the Security Council on 15 December 2006, renewing the provisions of paragraphs 7 to 12 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005) until 31 October 2007, the report of the Government of Guatemala on action taken to comply with those resolutions.

I should be grateful if you could take the necessary steps to submit this report to the appropriate authorities.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Report of Guatemala on the implementation of resolution 1727 (2006) relating to Côte d'Ivoire

The Government of Guatemala has the honour to report on the action it has taken to implement the sanctions imposed by the United Nations on Côte d'Ivoire, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1727 (2006) adopted by the Security Council on 15 December 2006, renewing the provisions of paragraphs 7 to 12 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 6 of resolution 1643 (2005) until 31 October 2007.

This report has been prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the basis of input from the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of National Defence, the Superintendence of Banks and the General Directorate of Immigration.

The Ministry of National Defence, for its part, has indicated that no military relations with Côte d'Ivoire have been established and in accordance with resolution 1572 (2004), none will be established for the supply, sale or transfer of arms or any related material or for the provision of assistance, advice or training related to military activities.

In this connection, the Ministry of the Interior has confirmed that Guatemala does not engage in the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of any type of arms or related material and does not provide military assistance, advice or training of any kind to Côte d'Ivoire. To this end, all competent departments have been notified of the measures prescribed by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) with a view to strengthening control over those aspects in accordance with paragraph 7, taking into account the exceptions set out in paragraph 8 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the resolution.

With regard to immigration, the Ministry of the Interior, through the General Directorate of Immigration, will prevent the entry into or transit through Guatemalan territory of the persons referred to in paragraph 9 of resolution 1572 (2004). Accordingly, Côte d'Ivoire has been classified as category B with respect to consular visas in the General Directorate's computer system, in order to ensure the immediate denial of a Guatemalan visa to persons designated by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004).

On confirming an individual's involvement in the activities described in paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004) and in paragraph 4 of resolution 1643 (2005), that individual will be denied entry into national territory and the Committee will be notified immediately. Further action will be taken in accordance with the relevant international human rights instruments and international humanitarian law.

With regard to the freezing of funds, it has been ascertained that thus far there are no funds, financial assets or economic resources in the national territory that are owned or controlled by individuals or entities designated by the Committee. Nonetheless, the relevant authorities have been informed of the provisions of paragraph 11 of resolution 1572 (2004) so that timely and appropriate action can be taken to prevent them from being made available to or for the benefit of the individuals or entities designated by the Committee, taking into account, in so doing, the provisions of paragraph 12 (a), (b) and (c) of resolution 1572 (2004).